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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: DE RONDE et al
FOR: TRANSFORMATION PROCESS
SERIAL NO. 09/807,391
FILING DATE: 04/12/01
371 ACCEPTANCE DATE: 06/24/01
EXAMINER: Georgia L. Helmer
ART UNIT: 1638
LAST OFFICE ACTION: 08/12/03
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 1930-A-PCT-US

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF ADVISORY ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant received an advisory action dated 08/12/03 with respect to the above matter. A copy of PTO-303 is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant respectfully submits that the Period for Reply in the advisory action has been incorrectly set. In the action, Section (a) was marked setting the period for reply as 3

months from the mailing date of the final rejection. The mailing date of the final rejection was 04/09/03. Applicant wishes to point out that the first reply to the Final Office Action was mailed within two months of the final rejection in that it was filed with the Office on 06/05/03. A copy of the Transmittal letter and of the Receipt acknowledgment postcard is submitted herewith. The Transmittal indicates that the amendment was filed on 06/05/03 and the postcard was stamped by the Office on 06/09/03. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the Period for Reply to the Advisory Action should have been marked as (b) - namely, that the period for reply expires on the mailing date of the Advisory Action - i.e. on 08/12/03.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Advisory Action be corrected and that the Period for Reply be indicated as expiring one month from the mailing date of the Advisory Action.

Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 11th day of September, 2003.

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Fiona Ferguson

Advisory Action

09/807,391

DE RONDE ET AL.

Examiner

Art Unit

Georgia L. Helmer

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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 19 June 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

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- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION See MPEP 706.07(i).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
 2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
 6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
 7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: _____

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
 9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
 10. ☐ Other: _____

Georgia L. Helmer

Phuong T. Bui
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 PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Title: TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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Amendment Transmittal

Amendment "B"

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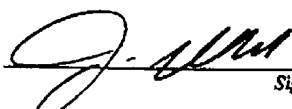
in the above identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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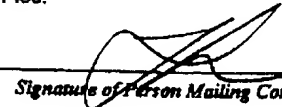


Signature

Dated: 06/05/03

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Inventor/Applicant: De Ronde et al. ✓
 Title: Transformation Process
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 ___ DIV ___ PCT ___ RCE
 ___ Declaration/Power of Atty.
 ___ Pages Specification
 ___ Pages Claims
 ___ total ___ independent
 ___ Pages Abstract
 ___ Sheet(s) of drawing(s)
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 ___ Preliminary Amendment

☐ **AMENDMENT (Due 7/9/03)**
 ___ Ext. of Time for ___ Month(s)

☐ **ISSUE FEE**

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Response to OA of 4/9/03
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☐ **APPLICATION DATA SHEET**

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